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Brian Gordon-Director  
Three Rivers Education for Employment System  
1215 Houbolt Road  
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Dear Mr. Gorgon;

My name is David Hildenbrand and I am the president of Thermwood Corporation. I am writing this letter in support of Mark Smith's industrial technology program at Reed-Custer High School 249 Comet Drive, Braidwood, IL 60408. I have known about Mark and his program for almost twenty years, most recently with Reed-Custer for the last four years.

The educational program that Mark has been providing at Reed-Custer, and at his previous educational employments, has had a very positive effect within the woodworking industry. I am aware of a number of students that took his courses, continued onward and did well in the industry. Mark knows the woodworking industry well. He has a passion in teaching these students and providing them with both the latest technologies and the exposure they need to learn and do well in the industry.

Thank you for taking the time to understand my perspective about the Reed-Custer High School's industrial technology program. I think the program is an essential and beneficial program for our nation's youth and the health of the wood working industry.

Thank you



David Hildenbrand  
President  
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